



## What's Happening in Class?

News You Can Use	<a href="#">Homework Hotline</a> <a href="#">PowerSchool Parent Portal</a>
<p><b>Language Arts</b></p>	<p>The second semester will focus on argumentative writing. This quarter, we will be working towards writing an argumentative essay. The students are currently working on distinguishing persuasion from argument as well as uncovering what makes for strong evidence. Over the next week, we will be debating gun control. Students will create a 2 paragraph response in which they present their stance (with appropriate evidence) and a counterargument.</p> <p>In conjunction, students will begin their exploration of complex sentences. We will be emphasizing the difference between dependent and independent clauses and how to combine them in new and interesting ways. Our end goal is for students to further transform and vary their sentence structures to create engaging writing.</p>
<p><b>Literature</b></p>	<p>This quarter in literature students will be focusing on poetry. Students will start looking at the elements of poetry, both figurative language and sound devices. Afterward, students will be looking at a traditional forms of poetry: sonnets. Following, students will be analyzing poems and creating their own poetry.</p>
<p><b>Math</b></p>	<p>Students in math have begun working on Module 3 in the Eureka math book.. In Module 3, the FOCUS GRADE-LEVEL STANDARDS are :</p> <p>Expressions &amp; Equations 7.EE.B.4   7.EE.B.3   7.EE.A.2   7.EE.A.1</p> <p>Geometry 7.G.B.6   7.G.B.4   7.G.B.5</p> <p>Solve real-life and mathematical problems involving angle measure, area, surface area, and volume. 7.G.B.6   7.G.B.4   7.G.B.5</p> <p>Solve real-life and mathematical problems using numerical and algebraic expressions and equations. 7.EE.B.4   7.EE.B.3</p>

	<p>Use properties of operations to generate equivalent expressions. 7.EE.A.2   7.EE.A.1</p> <p>This is the longest module of the year in terms of lessons and days, and I plan to be finished with the module by the end of February.</p>
<b>Science</b>	<p>We have started the new year studying M’Kenna, a 13-year-old who all of a sudden started to feel sick. The NGSS Performance Expectations addressed in this unit are MS-LS1-3, MS-LS1-5, and MS-LS1-7. Please ask your 7th grader about their progress!</p> <p><i>(When looking at Powerschool, please use the grade for Y1 to determine your child’s current science grade. Furthermore, with standards-based grading there will be very few entries and changes in Powerschool. To get a good handle on what your student is up to in science, please see artifacts of their work on Seesaw.)</i></p>
<b>Social Studies</b>	<p>We have started studying U.S. History. We are beginning to study Native Americans and their cultures. Students will be having a Native American quiz in the next couple weeks. I will make sure to send something out to remind them and parents as it gets closer. It has been a great transition back for me and the students! Thank you for all your support!</p>
<b>AT Literature</b>	<p>Quarter 3 will be focused on exploring poetry and its nuances. This unit will be broken into 2 sections - free verse and verse. Within these sections, students will explore sound/figurative devices as they analyze them and construct them in their own poetry.</p>
<b>AT Math</b>	<p><a href="https://sites.google.com/lisle202.org/mrkim/home">https://sites.google.com/lisle202.org/mrkim/home</a></p>
<b>Spanish</b>	<p>Hola! We are currently in the beginning of our second unit of the year. Students are spending their time learning to talk about family members, give descriptions of others, and compare different family structures as well as customs and traditions.</p> <p>Be sure to check for grades in the year-long grade book! (Y1). To see scores on summative assessments, click the small blue icon to view the standard score (1, 2, 3, or 3+). Quarter grades are determined by these scores.</p> <p>Please encourage students to practice on DuoLingo and Quizlet sets for extra practice!</p>
<b>French</b>	<p>Coucou, We are wrapping up Unit 1: Who am I? and entering a cultural comparison</p>

	<p>mini-unit. Students will explore the French-speaking world and select a country to research. Students will introduce the class to this country in a presentation entirely in French.</p> <p>After this mini-unit will will enter Unit 2: Family and Traditions</p> <p>Again, we will be reporting out these assessments using the year-long (Y1) gradebook. You will see standards-based grading scales of 1 to 3+.</p> <p>Students should practice a little each night on review sites such as quizlet and duolingo. Links to these can be found on our French class symbaloo.</p>
Art	<p>More information about that will be given later that week on Google Classroom, as well as information about standards based grading. We will also use Seesaw to post photos of our art and for assessment purposes.</p>
FCS	
Technology	
Advanced Computers	
Band	<p>Congratulations to all of the band students on their great performances in December. We do not have anything on the performance calendar in the month of January, but we will begin working on new music in preparations for our Symphonic Band contest on Saturday, March 21st. In small group lessons, students will begin preparing their solos for solo/ensemble festival on Saturday, February 29th.</p>
Choir	<p>We are preparing for our <b>District 202 Choral Festival on February 27th</b>. The concert is at the High School and features all of the fabulous choirs in our district. The program begins at 7 PM, but students have to be at the High School by 6:15 PM. We will have a dress rehearsal that morning at the High School as well. Students will ride over together by bus from the Junior High. Students, please remember to have a black folder or binder for your choir music, and a pencil everyday in class. For any questions, please email me at: <a href="mailto:ncopeland@lisle202.org">ncopeland@lisle202.org</a></p>
Physical Education	<p>The weather has brought us inside for PE and units include badminton, hockey, basketball, volleyball as well as Polar heart rate training. Please remind your student to bring their uniform home each week to be washed!</p>
ELL	<p>Annual English ACCESS Test will be on January 29. The students will be out of class to take 4 sections over English reading, writing, listening and speaking. If you have questions about students' previous scores, please email <a href="mailto:jng@lisle202.org">jng@lisle202.org</a></p>



Students began the quarter with a mini project researching and presenting about the effects of the Australian fires and nature. This quarter we will focus on the standards in Reading and Writing.